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Mr. James R. Hoffa
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2801 Trumbull Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hoffa:

The Detroit Press Club would like you to ring Tuesday evening, March 10 on your calendar and reserve it for attending our fourth annual Stag Steakout -- our version of the Washington Gridiron Banquet, at Detroit's Latin Quarter. We hope you will plan to be there along with your public relations director and any other officials you would like to bring.

General Chairman Len Barnes of Motor News and his committee have a number of skits, songs and blackouts calculated to make Detroiters and Michiganians laugh -- be they from the auto industry, other industries or businesses, politics or the news field. They are gently satirical but we don't anticipate any hurt feelings. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m., the program getting underway by 8:30 p.m., lasting just over an hour.

In line with our policy at the Press Club that there are no passes, or free guests, members' tickets for the steak dinner will be \$8.50, guests \$12.50. Will you let us know by phone (962-3090), or letter, that we can look forward to seeing you at this occasion of merriment?

Sincerely,

Tom Kleene
Tom Kleene
President

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Detroit Press Club
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January 30, 1964

Mr. Leonard R. Barnes
139 Bagley Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This will acknowledge your invitation to address the Detroit Press Celebrity Luncheon on consumer affairs.

I am sorry, but at the present time, I cannot set any date for an engagement; it all depends on whether or not I am on trial.

However, as soon as possible when a firm date can be made, I shall be happy to let you know.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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516 HOWARD STREET

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January 15, 1964

Mr. James Hoffa
2801 Trumbull
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

On behalf of President Thomas Kleene and the Detroit Press Club board of governors, I should like to invite you to address the Detroit Press Club Celebrity Luncheon on consumer affairs anytime.

Our club is composed of about half working newsmen and half public relations men in the auto industry, and many auto company officials, including Henry Ford II. We have 1,300 members in the club.

We would be happy to set up any kind of function which fits into your schedule, from a small, medium sized or large reception to a luncheon speech or press conference.

Our luncheons normally begin with a reception for the speaker with officers and speakers' table guests who include the newspaper editors, at 11:30 a.m. At 12 noon or so we have the speaker shake a few hands. At 12:30 luncheon is served, and at 1 p.m. the program begins. The speaker talks for 10 to 20 minutes, or more if he wishes, followed by 10 to 15 minutes of questions and answers from the floor. We always adjourn by 2 p.m. A press conference can be set up immediately following at the club. The Press Club is located at 516 Howard Street, corner First.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Leonard R. Barnes
Leonard R. Barnes
Chairman

LRB:np

Reply to: 139 Bagley Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

cc: Thomas Kleene

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Detroit Press Club

X Kleene, Tom

X Invitation

February 25, 1963

Mr. Tom Kleene, President
The Detroit Press Club
516 Howard Street
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kleene:

Thank you for your letter of February 19th
inviting me to attend the third annual Stag Steakout.

Unfortunately, I am scheduled to speak at
Cornell University that evening, and, therefore, regretfully
decline your invitation.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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February 19, 1963

Mr. James R. Hoffa
General President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
2801 Trumbull Avenue
Detroit 16, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

The Detroit Press Club would like you to ring Tuesday evening, March 12, on your calendar and reserve it for attending our third annual Steg Steakout--our version of the Washington Gridiron Banquet, at Detroit's Latin Quarter. We hope you will plan to be there along with your public relations director and any other officials you would like to bring.

General Chairman Len Berne of Motor News and his committee have a number of skits, songs, and blackouts calculated to make Detroiters and Michiganiens laugh--be they from the auto industry, politics or the news field. They are gently satirical but we don't anticipate any hurt feelings. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m., the program getting underway by 8:30 p.m., lasting less than an hour and a half.

In line with our policy at the Press Club that there are no passes, or free guests, members' tickets for the steak dinner will be \$8.50, guests \$12. Will you let our secretary Katelle Krist know by phone (962-3090), or letter, that we can look forward to seeing you at this occasion of Merriment?

Sincerely,

Tom Kleane
President

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Mr. Hank Shurmur
c/o Press Club
Detroit, Michigan

Detroit Press Club

X Shurmur, Hank

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Because of West Coast commitments I am unable to
attend your celebration. Let me extend to you my best
wishes for now and the future.

James R. Hoffa
General President

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Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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Labor Front

A Tale of 2 'Tough Guys' And a Corktown Priest

By Jack Crellin
Labor Writer

This is a story about two men and a priest.

Mind, these are not just ordinary guys. You've heard their names before.

AND, IF YOU ARE like us, you undoubtedly never suspected they had more than perhaps a nodding acquaintance with the clergy.

Hard, tough and cynical, they probably would prefer that this story never see the light of day.

The priest, well, he feels somewhat different about such things.

A kind, saintly man, Fr. Clement Kern, pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church, located in the heart of Old Corktown, believes in giving credit where credit is due.

Hence, these few facts on a hitherto unrevealed side of Teamster President James R. Hoffa and his



FR. CLEMENT KERN

chief lieutenant, Owen (Bert) Brennan.

THE STORY BEGAN just about two weeks ago when seven intimate acquaintances invited Brennan to have lunch with Fr. Kern.

Members of a coconspirator pledged to raise \$20,000 for construction of a new clinic next to Holy Trinity School at Porter and Brooklyn, they laid their cards on the table.

Their plan was to raise at least \$20,000 through the sale of tickets for a special benefit premiere of "The Story of Ruth" tomorrow night at the Fox Theater.

They wondered aloud if they could count on the teamsters to help them make the drive a success.

BRENNAN DIDN'T have to be asked twice.

"I'll take \$37,500 worth," he announced.

Fr. Kern and the rest of the committee members almost fell off their chairs.

"Not only will I take them but I'll see that they're sold," Brennan pledged.

Last seen, Brennan was hurrying off to teamster headquarters, staggering under the weight of a bundle of more than 3,000 tickets.

BACK AT HIS OFFICE, he called a meeting of some 50 business agents handed each a packet of tickets and cautioned the deadline for their sale was June 16.

Meantime, Jimmy Hoffa flew in from Washington to speak at the Detroit Press Club.

It was the first time Hoffa and Fr. Kern had met.

A few minutes later Brennan had wrung out of Hoffa a pledge the Teamsters not only would sell the tickets they had taken but also would stand good for the minimum guarantee of \$2,500 for the theater.

THAT BROUGHT THE union's total commitment to \$40,000, two-thirds of the sum sought by the committee. By any standard, it was a staggering sum to raise in the short span of less than two weeks.

But Brennan and Hoffa kept their word.

Bert announced yesterday the tickets had been sold.

"Fantastic!" said Fr. Kern.

"You know we didn't have to ask them. They offered to help us. The thing we liked the most was the cooperation they gave us."

THEN FR. KERN told us some things we never knew before.

Such as how he has never had any hesitation about calling on the Teamsters when any emergency arises in the parish.

"They are close to us here. Our problems are their problems," he said.

"They have always had an outstanding interest in the poor—and we have plenty of them."

But their help goes beyond that. If we have a sick person who needs blood we know we can always go to 2741 Tumbull (union headquarters) and get it.

"IF SOME PARISHIONER is desperately in need of a job, we can count on them for aid on that score, too."

And, maybe we shouldn't be telling this story, but it's too good not to print.

Fr. Kern said that Brennan dropped over the other night to chat with the nuns from the school and present the union's case of the current difficulties it finds itself in Washington.

They say he was called on to answer some rather pertinent questions about the racetrack operations, too.

Like we said, that Bert and Jimmy, they're hard, tough and cynical.

Phooey!

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HOFFA CHATS WITH TIMES LABOR WRITER JACK CRELLIN

Detroit Times Photo by James Savage

The Press Whacked By Hoffa

By James Hart

Teamster President Hoffa gave the nation's press, radio and television a tongue lashing last night for "distorting" news concerning his union.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves," Hoffa told an audience of 250 at the annual dinner meeting of the Labor Writers League of North America.

Hoffa said editors and publishers were to blame for the "distortions," not the reporters.

"I'M NOT bitter, I know it's just a game you play to sell papers," he chided.

He said his union planned to publish newspapers in major cities to correct "distortions" about the Teamsters.

"Contrary to published reports that the Teamsters are made up of racketeers and hoodlums," he said, "we are an efficiently operated union with 1,677,619 members."

There are 12,000 employees in the Teamsters, including 3,000 full-time organizers, he said.

HE CHARGED that the McClellan committee investigation of the Teamsters during the last 2½ years was "the greatest conspiracy ever to take place in this country."

Fighting court actions in the wake of the investigations has cost the Teamsters \$2,600,000, he said.

He charged that the Landrum-Griffin labor bill was passed because of "the mass hysteria generated by the press during the last three years."

He only touched on his fight with the Teamster monitors, saying:

"If 13 men can go into court and get monitors appointed over 1,600,000 men, then it's only a step before they can do the same to the greatest corporation in the United States."

HIS REMARKS obviously were directed at representatives of the Big Three automobile manufacturers who were at the meeting in the Detroit Press Club.

Hoffa ducked endorsement of a presidential candidate by saying, "There are no candidates yet."

Asked to comment on Gov. William's endorsement of Senator Kennedy for President and Kennedy's assertion that he would accept Williams as a running mate, Hoffa said:

"Since Soapy is tired of running Michigan — into a hole — I would guess that he and Kennedy would like to run the United States. The two young millionaires will try anything so long as it does not cost anything."

The meeting ended on this note. Hoffa was given a standing ovation.

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Hoffa Tears Into Writers, Commentators

'Should Be Ashamed,' He Tells 250 at Seminar

BY NEAL SHINE
Free Press Staff Writer

Teamster President James R. Hoffa took roughhanded all over his favorite public victims—newspapermen and radio and television commentators—at the Press Club in the Detroit-LeLand Hotel Friday night.

The bantam labor leader was principal speaker at the summer seminar of the Detroit Chapter, Labor Writers' League of North America.

Some 250 writers and commentators, plus representatives of the city's largest auto manufacturers, listened to the lambasting dealt by Hoffa.

At the end, they accorded Hoffa a standing ovation, out of respect for the forthrightness of the labor boss delivery.

"You can be a wild, irresponsible organization but I say to you that in my opinion the American readers are beginning to understand that the greatest conspiracy in our time took place in the last two years against the Teamsters," he declared.

"And it has been the press' inclination to dramatize the worst that comes out of



Hoffa

phony hearings with planted witnesses.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

As he spoke, Hoffa looked at members of the audience who had reported his union's activities for years.

"I DON'T COMPLAIN personally because whatever you say about me makes no difference," he said. "I'm immune to it."

The only thing you can hope for by this constant harassment is disrespect and disbelief of the supposedly free press of America.

He charged that "greed" and "profit" lay behind the newspapers' attacks upon him.

He declared that labor unions will soon have their own newspapers, and he predicted a strong labor press in major cities.

Despite your distortions, the Teamsters union is a smoothly-running organization, with 12,000 full-time employees," he said.

"Looking closely at the assembled newsmen he warned:

"People aren't that stupid that you believe they are."

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Williams, Kennedy Get Share of Hoffa's Blasts

By TOM JOYCE

Teamster president James R. Hoffa tonight attacked newspapers, radio and television stations accusing them of "distorting or manipulating" facts. The attack came at a meeting at the Detroit Press Club of labor writers, top newspaper and labor officials. About 250 persons including Mayor Miriani, attended. In a question and answer period following Hoffa's hour-long blast at communication media, Hoffa commented on Gov. Williams' endorsement of Senator John F. Kennedy.

TRY ANYTHING

"Since Soapy got tired of running Michigan into the hole he might try the same thing with the country now. Two young millionaires will try anything as long as it doesn't cost them anything," the Teamster president said. Hoffa said that despite "attacks" by newspapers, radio and television, the Teamsters Union is a smooth running organization. He hinted at the possibility that labor organizations might start their own newspapers. Questioned, he said there is "a strong possibility of labor unions starting weekly papers and later daily papers" with general circulation in large cities.

CALLS SELF IMMUNE

Taking a bold stand before the group of newspaper men, he said. "Whatever you say about me doesn't make any difference. I have become immune to these attacks. For almost two years newspapers have had a field day doing cartoons and setting up a

schedule on when Hoffa will get kicked out of the Teamsters. In an obvious attack on UAW president Walter P. Reuther, Hoffa said.

"The Teamsters do not re-serve the right to break contracts and strike in the middle of agreements."

In another slap at the UAW he added, "Each time there is a strike they (the UAW) put their pride in their pocket and ask the Teamsters to co-operate."

He stressed that while other unions are losing membership, the Teamsters is gaining.

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**Hoffa to Address
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Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa, who sometimes becomes peeved at newspapermen and TV commentators who report on his movements, is scheduled to tell what he thinks of them June 3 at a Detroit Press Club seminar.

The seminar is sponsored by the Labor Writers' League of North America.

The guest list will include names familiar in national management and union circles.

Hoffa, who began his Teamster career in Detroit as head of a small local that later merged with Local 299, now makes his home in Washington, where the imposing headquarters of the union are located.